



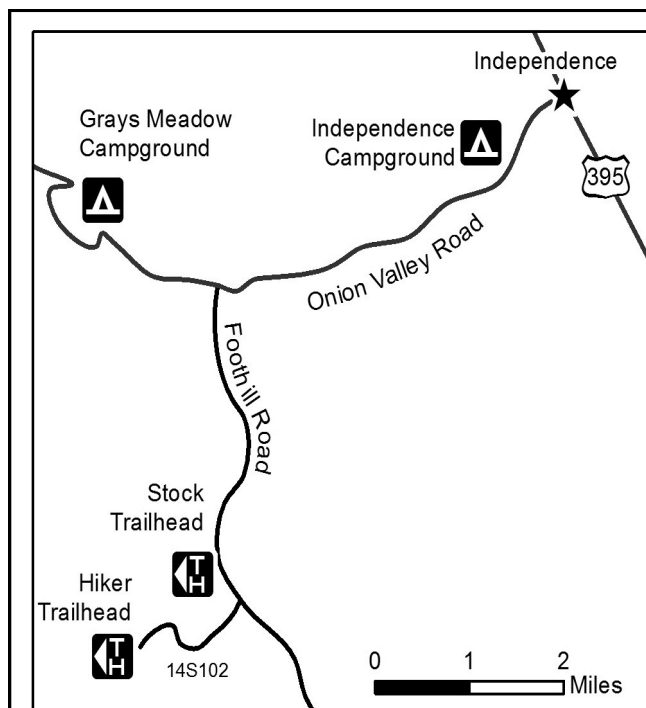
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# Shepherd Pass Trail

The Shepherd Pass Trail is long, steep and challenging. Beginning in the desert at the base of the Sierra Nevada, it ascends to 12,000 foot Shepherd Pass in 11 miles. Some years, a steep snow field below the pass may linger through the summer. Beyond Shepherd Pass, the trail enters Sequoia National Park and joins the John Muir Trail. Above Anvil Camp, the trail is not recommended for stock.



## Access:

From Highway 395 in Independence:

- Turn west onto Market Street/Onion Valley Road. Travel 4.3 miles.
- Turn south onto Foothill Road. Travel 3 miles to the Stock Trailhead. Visitors with low clearance vehicles or trailers should park here.
- With high clearance vehicles, continue south for another .6 miles to 14S102. Drive west on 14S102 for approximately 1.5 miles to reach the Hiker Trailhead.

## Season:

Relatively snow free from approximately June through October. Foothill Road is not maintained in winter, although the trailhead is usually accessible.

## Trailhead Facilities:

Water: No

Campgrounds: The nearest developed campgrounds are Independence Creek and Grays Meadow Campgrounds. They are located on Onion Valley Road.

## On The Trail:

Food Storage: Food, trash and scented items must be stored in bear-resistant containers or counter-balanced 15 feet above the ground and 10 feet horizontally from a tree trunk. Suitable trees are not available in most locations, so bear-resistant containers are strongly recommended.

Camping: Use existing campsites. Camping is prohibited within 25 feet of the trail and within 100 feet of water. Camping with stock and grazing are prohibited at Anvil Camp.

Human Waste/Sanitation: Bury human waste 6"-8" deep in soil, at least 100' from campsites, trails, and water.

Campfires: Campfires are prohibited above 10,400 ft elevation and at Anvil Camp.

Additional Regulations: Information about Sequoia National Park regulations is available at [www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki) or at Inyo National Forest visitor centers.

## Permit & Quota Information:

Permits are required for overnight trips. Obtain permits at any Inyo National Forest ranger station or visitor center.

Between May 1 and Nov 1 overnight use is limited to 15 people per day. Permit may be reserved up to 6 months in advance at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

## Reservations

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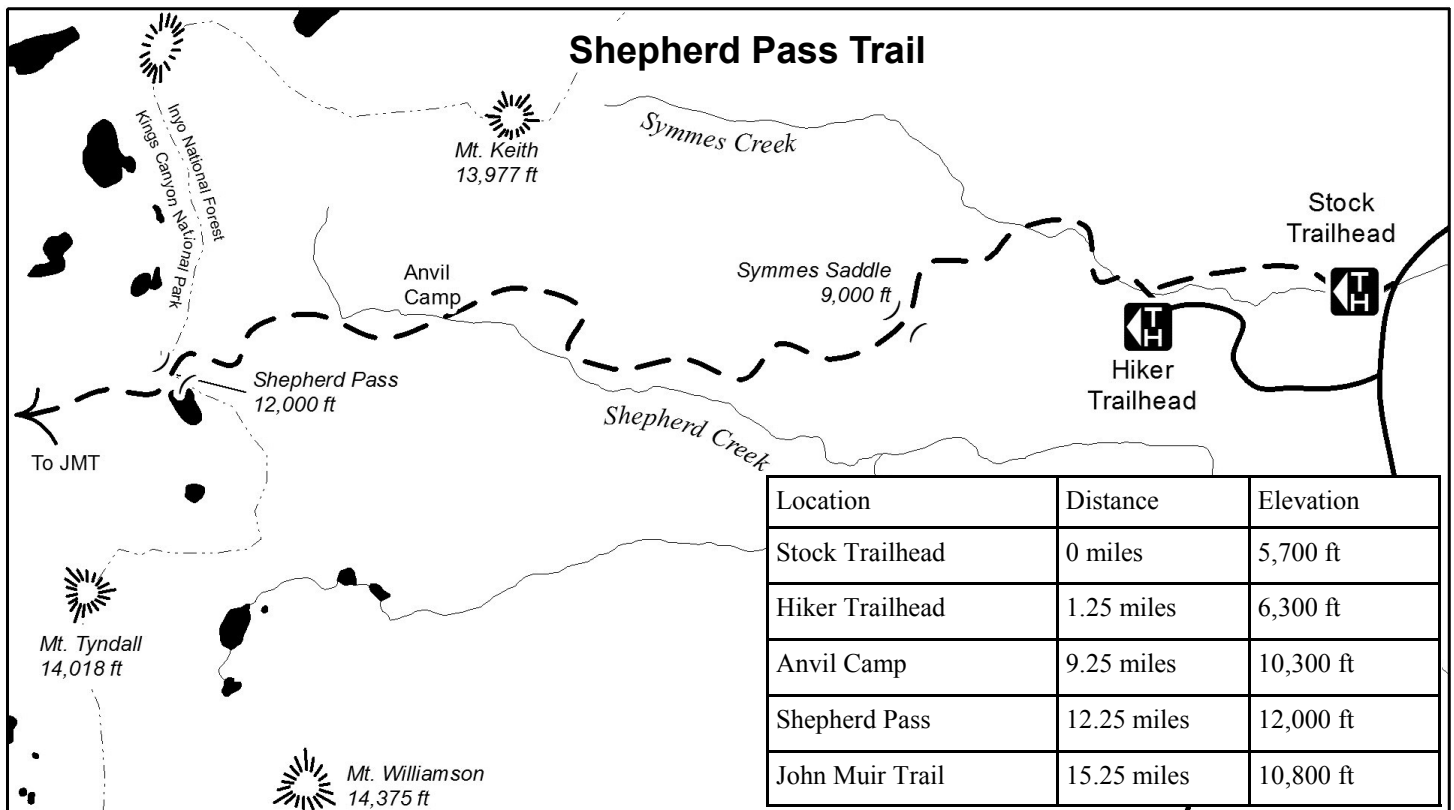
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## Maps:

USGS Quad: Mount Williamson

National Geographic: Sequoia Kings Canyon

Tom Harrison: Mount Whitney High Country



## Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

## Need more information?

**On the web at:**  
[www.fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo)

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